

approximately noon in Room N-5437 A&B, U.S. Department of Labor Building, Second and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20210, is for Working Group members to establish the agenda and course of study for the upcoming Council year on the topic of employer assets in ERISA employer-sponsored plans.

Members of the public are encouraged to file a written statement pertaining to any topic concerning ERISA by submitting 20 copies on or before April 1, 1997, to Sharon Morrissey, Executive Secretary, ERISA Advisory Council, U.S. Department of Labor, Room N-5677, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20210. Individuals or representatives of organizations wishing to address the Working Group on Employer Assets in ERISA Employer-Sponsored Plans should forward their request to the Executive Secretary or telephone (202) 219-8753. Oral presentations will be limited to 10 minutes, but an extended statement may be submitted for the record. Individuals with disabilities, who need special accommodations, should contact Sharon Morrissey by April 1, 1997, at the address indicated in this notice.

Organizations or individuals may also submit statements for the record without testifying. Twenty (20) copies of such statements should be sent to the Executive Secretary of the Advisory Council at the above address. Papers will be accepted and included in the record of the meeting if received on or before April 1.

Signed at Washington, D.C. this 12th day of March, 1997.

Olena Berg,

Assistant Secretary, Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration.

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Working Group on Studying the Merits of Defined Contribution vs. Defined Benefit Plans, Advisory Council on Employee Welfare and Pension Benefits Plans; Notice of Meeting

Pursuant to the authority contained in Section 512 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), 29 U.S.C. 1142, the Advisory Council on Employee Welfare and Pension Benefit Plans' new Working Group being established to Study the Merits of Defined Contributions vs. Defined Benefit Plans With an Emphasis on Small Business Concerns will hold a public meeting on April 8, 1997 in Room N-5437 A&B, U.S. Department of Labor Building, Second and

Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20210.

The purpose of the open meeting, which will run from 9:30 a.m. to approximately noon, is for Working Group members to begin organizing the course of study for the year and, it is hoped, even to begin taking testimony on the topic.

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NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS ADMINISTRATION

National Historical Publications and Records Commission; National Historical Publications and Records Commission Strategic Plan; Request for Comments

AGENCY: National Historical Publications and Records Commission, National Archives and Records Administration.

ACTION: Request for comment.

SUMMARY: The National Historical Publications and Records Commission (NHPRC), a grant-making affiliate of the

National Archives and Records Administration, asks the various constituencies it serves to address a series of questions on the present and future status of the NHPRC's role. The context for this invitation is the NHPRC's decision to review the strategic plan voted upon in November 1996.

DATES: Comments should be received by May 1, 1997, to ensure consideration by the Commission.

ADDRESSES: Requests for packets of background information described in the Supplementary Information section of this notice may be obtained by calling NHPRC at (202) 501-5600 or by writing to NHPRC, 700 Pennsylvania Avenue, Room 607, Washington, DC 20408. Comments may be sent to the same address, or by fax to (202) 501-5601, or by e-mail to nhprc@arch1.nara.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Gerald George, Executive Director, NHPRC, at 202-501-5600.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

In thinking about the past, present, and future of the NHPRC, we ask you to speak to the following issues:

(a) How should the legislative history of the NHPRC affect decisions on how the Commission allocates its resources?

(b) How effectively have past NHPRC allocations met the statutory objectives of the Commission?

(c) What public benefits should the Commission seek to achieve in the context of entering a new century, with changing circumstances in technology, user expectations, and scholarly communication?

(d) What is an appropriate way for the NHPRC to determine, in principle, how its funds should be allocated?

(e) What are the implications of the new strategic plan for the NHPRC's ability to achieve its statutory objectives?

The NHPRC requests responses to these questions by May 1, 1997, so that members of the Commission may review the responses prior to the next NHPRC meeting in June 1997. Organizations interested in responding are asked to request from the NHPRC a packet of background information consisting of five items: (1) A copy of the strategic plan voted upon in November 1996; (2) a chart comparing past authorizations and appropriations of NHPRC grant funds; (3) a chart showing past allocations of NHPRC grant funds in dollars and in percentages; (4) copies of all NHPRC statutes containing Congressional mandates; and (5) the most recent House and Senate reports on NHPRC reauthorization legislation.